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E. PRUSSIA NEARLY CUT OFF

First Army Fights In St. Vith

Three Routed German Armies Reel Eastward

Bombers Raise Toll Of Nazi Equipment To 4,158 Vehicles

BULLETIN
With U. S. Sixth Army Group, France, Jan. 23—(UP)—The First Army today opened a new offensive against the north side of the Colmar pocket in Alsace today.

Paris, Jan. 23—(AP)—The First Army tonight house to house today in St. Vith, delivering the knockout blow to the Ardennes salient, while the shattered and broken remnants of three routed German armies reel eastward under the most savage onslaught of the war.

The Seventh armored division entered St. Vith at dawn. Its fall was immediate. Soon after sunrise, American planes started their second straight day of relentless attack on the pocket.

Only Rearguards Left
Only German rearguards fought in the streets of St. Vith. Germans in the east were laying down heavy machine guns from dug in positions in an attempt to protect the retreat from the approaching bulge.

A first army spokesman described the resistance as "moderate," but the Seventh armored division and attached parachute infantry were trying to blast the Nazis out of a house at a time.

The air force was giving ground troops close support and ranging far behind the lines all the way to the Rhine.

Initial tabulations indicated an even greater toll of destruction than yesterday when 4,158 pieces of heavy German equipment were destroyed or damaged.

464 Trucks Destroyed
The Ninth Air Force alone by 2:30 p. m. destroyed 464 trucks and 567 damaged. It also destroyed 62 railcars, 122 damaged, and 122 damaged.

The 19th and 29th attack forces, which had not reported, were being blotted out by enormous clouds of black smoke curling from German columns caught by the fleet.

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**Daughter Of
Founder Of
Bradley Dies**
Josephine Cox, eldest daughter of the late J. H. Harbeck, founder of Bradley, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Dupuis, Winthrop Harbor, Ill., following a lingering illness.

Announce Plan To Cut Costs Of Clothing

By Sterling I. Green
Washington, Jan. 23—(AP)—The government today announced a drastic textile and clothing program designed to cut consumer costs six to seven per cent and to increase supplies of low and medium-priced essential garments.

The plan, blanketing mills, clothing manufacturers and dealers, and admitted, "tough" on them, was announced at a joint news conference by Chairman J. A. Krug of the war production board and Price Administrator Chester Bowles.

The price cuts and increase in supplies are expected by late spring, they said.

The joint control will channel 75 per cent of all civilian fabric into garments termed essential by WPB to avert what Krug called "a very serious supply situation" ahead.

It will roll back prices, from mill to dry goods stores, to the level of the first half of 1943 as a remedy for what Bowles described as "the most serious breach in price control." Quality controls to protect consumers are included.

"We have enough" textiles in the country to fill essential needs if all fabrics are made into the things civilian needs and not into a lot of frills and ruffles," Krug asserted.

**Militia Keeps
In Shape For
Any Emergency**
Co. G Of Kankakee Is
One Of Best In State;
More Members Needed

"If you can't shoulder a rifle on the battlefield, then carry one on the home front," was the plea issued today by First Lt. Clarence Wilkins, head of company G, fifth infantry of the Illinois Reserve Militia stationed at the Kankakee armory.

The local company is made up of men from all walks of life who are anxious to do something to help on the home front. The men are required to appear for drill only one night a week—Monday from 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

The organization is completely military in every detail. Members are designated according to rank. Practically every rank to be found in the regular United States army is practicable in the militia. Every detail of army life is in use during regular night drills. The men are taught to address officers with respect. They are also taught the many and varied ways of proper marching style.

Valuable In Emergency
Reserve militia men are on a non-remunerative basis except in case of special work such as was encountered recently at Peoria when the Illinois river threatened to overflow its banks. The local company was rushed to the area and remained there several days.

A modern uniform is issued to the recruit. It includes shirt, blouse, trousers, shoes, serge caps, leggings, garrison belts, web belts, two sets of underwear, two pairs of socks, two woolen blankets, winter cap and a necktie.

Yank Veterans Power Way Over Central Luzon

Only 54 Miles From
Manila And 11 From
Big Clark Field

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 23—(AP)—Only 54 miles from Manila and 11 miles from Big Clark Field by Monday, a veteran Yank war machine powered its way over central Luzon today with five divisions, a regimental combat team and a battalion of specialists in close quarter fighting.

Even if Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold's 14th army corps only partially matched the speed of its advance covered in official reports for 24 hours extending into Monday, by now it could have penetrated Pampanga province and posed an immediate menace to Clark Field.

All Night Fight
Gains of 11 and 13 miles along parallel roads swept the 37th and 40th divisions, veterans of Bougainville and New Britain, through the towns of Capas and Santa Monica Monday on the shortest route to Manila. Spearheads rolled on south across the last miles of Tarlac province.

An all-night fight with two enemy tanks, an armored truck and artillery near La Paz preceded these advances below the Japanese-occupied town of Tuba.

Griswold's corps thus has covered half the distance between Manila and the scene of the Jan. 9 landings at Lingayen Gulf.

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler's 37th and Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th rolled toward the Philippines' capital city almost as fast as supply-laden trucks could travel.

Rangers Landed First
Lt. Col. Henry Mucci's Rangers, it now can be disclosed, landed at night on Santiago island at the extreme northwest tip of Lingayen Gulf prior to the invasion of Luzon.

An estimated 6,000 Japanese fled south down the west coast of Luzon. Today's communique reported that a push down that coastline, along a road which leads to Bataan peninsula, has reached Infanta on Davao Bay.

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**Grant Park
Boy Killed
In Action**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pike of Grant Park on Saturday received a telegram from the war department informing them that their son, Pvt. Willard Elmore Pike, had been killed in action Jan. 4 in Belgium. He was born in Delworth, Ky., May 10, 1921, and moved to Grant Park when a child. He received his education at Grant Park public school and prior to his induction Feb. 2, 1942, was employed at Amco and the Lohs Metal works in Chicago Heights. He had been overseas since April, 1943 and served in the parachute infantry. He was a veteran of the invasions of Sicily and Holland. Willard had been wounded once but was returned to active duty. He was awarded the Purple Heart Oct. 20, 1944.

Beside his parents, Pvt. Pike is survived by two brothers and four sisters. A brother, Pvt. Garnet Pike, is serving with the 1st Airborne in New Guinea.

Joe Meek Will Address Retail Men Thursday

Joseph T. Meek, executive secretary of the Illinois Federation of Retail associations, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting and smoker of the Retail Trade division of the Kankakee Chamber of Commerce Thursday at 6:30 p. m. at McBroome's cafe.

Charles Pasone, chairman of the retail meetings committee, announced that tickets were mailed today to all members of the division. Anyone else who wishes to attend can make reservations by calling the Chamber of Commerce office.

Mr. Meek, who is considered one of the nation's retail authorities, will discuss many of the problems that are currently important to retailing.

He will dwell on the civilian goods supply and give the latest information on what merchants can expect in 1945. He will tell of the present trend in price control and how the present squeeze policy will effect retail income.

Mr. Meek is familiar with the legislative trends both at Washington and Springfield. He will give his opinion on what type of legislation may be expected that effect distribution. Mr. Meek has long been an exponent of the idea that business men must take an active interest in the affairs of government and that they must intelligently present their views to their elected representatives.

A large turnout is expected and Committee Chairman Pasone urged that all who wish to attend make their reservations promptly.

B-29s Hit Jap Aircraft Center Of Nagoya

Third Fleet Fliers
Destroyed 140 Nip
Planes At Formosa

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 23—(UP)—The Tokyo radio said about 70 Superfortresses from the Marianas raided the Japanese homeland aircraft center of Nagoya for two hours today.

The war department, announcing the raid, said the B-29s "aggressively" struck at the center of industrial Japan. A communique gave no details of the attack by the Superfortresses operating under a new commander, Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay.

The Japanese claimed "fierce interference" interfered with the several formations of big bombers that they were able to do only "slight" damage. They said nothing, however, of any American planes shot down or damaged.

Formosa Attacked
Destruction of 140 Japanese aircraft and damaging of 100 more by planes of the third fleet in destructive attacks Sunday (Tokyo time) on Formosa and the adjacent Sakishima and Pescadore islands were disclosed in a Pacific fleet communique.



Russians Near Poznan, Clamp Vice on Prussia

Arrows show Red Army drives along the eastern front (heavy line). The Russians captured Gniezno, east of Poznan, reaching within 165 miles of Berlin. Farther north, they took Interburg and Allenstein in a pincer drive into East Prussia. In the south they were reported inside the border of German Silesia, having cracked German first line defenses between Oels and Beuthen. (AP Wire-photo)

Allied Fliers Have Field Day Blasting 4,000 Nazi Vehicles

(American fliers destroyed or damaged more than 4,000 German vehicles attempting to escape from the Ardennes yesterday in probably the biggest tactical strike of the war. The following dispatch is a behind-the-scenes account of that action.)

By Walter Cronkite
Ninth Air Force Control Station, Western Front, Jan. 22—(UP)—Here in a tiny trailer, smaller than a modern kitchenette, was unfolded the whole drama of this greatest day in the air war since 1940.

Here a telephone jangled with the first report that the Germans had dared to bunch up their transport in the longest and most vulnerable column since the Falaise Gap.

Here a soft-spoken young flight officer from Arizona spoke into a microphone the few words that unleashed the dread Thunderbolt fighter-bombers on the Germans.

Play-by-play Account
And here, through a small loud-speaker, came back the voices of excited pilots, reporting the second by second destruction of dozens upon dozens of trucks and tanks.

The battle, exceeding any ground-air engagement yet joined in the war, was fought out under (Continued on Page Five)

Men, Women In War Plants Labor To Win

Many Of Them Have
Relatives Shooting
Ammunition Overseas

30 Nazi Divisions Face Entrapment

Hitler Rushes Best Officers To East Front

Himmler And Others
Reported As Given
'Complete Power'

By Robert Dowson
London, Jan. 23—(UP)—Berlin reported today that Adolf Hitler had rushed Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler and other of his best commanders to the eastern front and given them "complete power" to rally German strength against the Russians in any way they saw fit.

"The Fuehrer has sent his best army commanders and men of iron determination like Reich leader Heinrich Himmler to the focal points of the battle," a Nazi broadcast said.

"They have been given a complete power and will make radical decisions and guarantee the command."

Battle for Germany
The broadcast signaled Berlin's acknowledgement that the battle of Germany had begun in the east, since Himmler is commander in chief of the German home army and commander of the Gestapo, which Allied armies have credited with keeping Germany in the war.

Unconfirmed reports from Stockholm said Nazi leaders were fleeing Berlin and the rest of the capitals inhabitants would be evacuated as soon as the party bigwigs were safely away.

A German broadcast plainly trying to boost morale on the home front said that "already the Soviet hordes are getting a fore-taste of German contempt for death when the defense of the homeland is at stake."

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Ledc Road Now Ready To Take Convoys

Southeast Asia Command Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, Jan. 23—(AP)—Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten has sent this telegram to the combined chiefs of staff of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill:

"The first part of the order I received at Quebec has been carried out. The land route to China is open."

Lt. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan, commander of the India-Burma theater, announced at Myitkyina last night that the Ledo road had been cleared of Japanese troops and was ready to handle convoys. The fall of the Chinese border town of Wanting eliminated the last remaining obstacle to military passage.

(A convoy of trucks—the first to carry supplies to China in two and one-half years—prepared to leave on the final leg of its winding journey of more than 1,000 miles through mountainous jungle to Kunming. The convoy arrived in Myitkyina last week after covering the 262-mile stretch from the western terminus at Ledo.)

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200 Fortresses Bomb Nazi Rail Yards At Neuss

Follow Triple Night
Assault On Reich
By 500 RAF Planes

London, Jan. 23—(AP)—Two hundred Flying Fortresses bombed the railway yards at Neuss, on the western edge of the Ruhr, in a quick followup today to a triple night assault on Reich targets by more than 500 British Lancasters and Halifaxes.

The American bombers were escorted by 100 fast-flying Mustangs. The Neuss yards were attacked yesterday by divebombers of the continent-based U. S. 9th air force and almost 1,000 cars were destroyed or damaged. Today the heavy American bombers dumped more than 600 tons of explosives among the debris.

The Neuss yards, with a capacity of 2,500 cars a day, has served as a junction for traffic between the Ruhr and the western front.

Set On Plant Afire
A synthetic oil plant at Duisburg, easily discernible in the moonlight, was set afire by the British fliers, striking within five miles of the spot where American heavy bombers yesterday dealt a telling blow to the Styrkrade fuel plant.

In the night attack two tremendous explosions were observed. The area still was alight with high flames hours later when a force of Halifaxes rumbled into the Ruhr and saturated targets in the Ruhr and with explosives and incendiaries.

The third force of night bombers went on to Hannover.

The air ministry announced that two bombers failed to return from the night operations.

Germans Send More Troops Into Italy

By Sid Feder
Rome, Jan. 23—(AP)—Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's army of Italy was reported today to have risen to 28 divisions, its greatest strength since last spring.

Patrols of the Allied fifth and eighth armies were active along the entire front in bitterly cold weather, probing enemy positions.

(This dispatch, passed through censorship, did not bring out where Kesselring had obtained additional men for the front, but it is possible they were transferred from garrison duty in northern Italy. The German force previously was reported to total 25 divisions.)

The patrols engaged in several battles, particularly in the snow-bound mountains southeast of Bologna.

American troops stabbing northward near Highway 64 occupied a ridge a half mile north of Colle Termino, just east of the highway and 15 miles from Bologna.

The Weather
Chicago and vicinity: Partly cloudy and a little warmer. Wednesday fair and little change in temperature. Moderate to fresh winds. Low tonight, 22; high Wednesday, 32.
Milwaukee: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. A little warmer north and central portions tonight.

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- (4) Show window lighting except where necessary for interior illumination.
- (5) Marquee lighting in excess of 60 watts per each marquee.
- (6) White way street lighting in excess of the amount determined by local public authority to be necessary for public safety.
- (7) Outdoor sign lighting except for: (i) directional or identification signs required for fire and police protection, traffic control, transportation terminals or hospitals; or directional or identification signs for any similar essential public services the lighting of which is specifically certified to be necessary by local public authority. Certification shall be made in writing to the appropriate electric supplier and need not be in any particular form; (ii) Directional or identification signs using not more than 60 watts per establishment, for doctors and for hotels, and other public lodging establishments."

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